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Sheppard Chosen To Serve As Moderator - Elect

The Rev. Olin E. Sheppard, a native of the Lime community, Randolph County, Alabama, and son of the late Rev. Aaron H. Sheppard, was elected moderator-elect of the Southeast Conference, United Church of Christ at its annual sessions in Birmingham last Saturday.

He will serve as assistant to the moderator during the conference year, and as a member of the board of directors. He will be elevated to the moderatorship at the April 1968 session of the conference.

Mr. Sheppard has served as moderator of the East Alabama Association of Congregational Christian Churches

UCBWM OPPORTUNITIES

There are current openings for librarians in Turkey, Africa, Zambia, Japan, and India, and for home economics teachers in several overseas missions. An ordained minister is needed to teach in an Indonesian theological seminary.

Write Miss Charlotte Reid, Personnel Secretary, UCBWM, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027.

Annual Conference

Attendance

There were 256 registered delegates at the Annual Conference session in Birmingham April 29-30, 1967. At the Sunday morning service there were 350 - 400 people present, for the concert by the Indian Springs School, and the communion service which followed.

Our deep appreciation is expressed to the pastor, Rev. S. Lawrence Johnson, and the congregation of Pilgrim Congregational Church, Birmingham, for the fine manner in which they served as hosts for this annual meeting. Our every need was anticipated and cared for in a most efficient manner.

The registration, the box lunch, the banquet, places for the discussion groups to meet, the breakfast for "Divinity Dames" hosted by Mrs. Johnson, the beautiful concert by the choir, the most inspiring communion service, the lovely church building itself and all its facilities, and the efficiency of the committees from Pilgrim and First Churches all contributed to make this a conference to be remembered. Our thanks go to all who assisted in making this possible.

and on many of its boards and committees through the years. He has served as pastor of United Congregational Christian Church in LaGrange, Ga., Noon Day, Forest Home, Bethany, Caver's Grove, Wadley, Truitt, Elder, Pisgah, and Rock Stand in Alabama.

He is at present pastor of New Hope (the mother church of the denomination in Alabama) and First Church, Roanoke. He has also served as city clerk of Roanoke for the past twenty years.

Mr. Sheppard is married to the former Pansie Mildred (Bobby) Adamson. They have two children, Aaron Emory, who is married to the former Mary Gena Lane of Roanoke; a daughter, Linda Ellen, who is married to Tommy Yarbrough of Roanoke; and four grandchildren.



Hubert Richter Is Elected Moderator

Hubert Richter of Cullman, Ala. was elected Moderator of the Southeast Conference in its annual session at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 30th. Mr. Richter is president of the St. John's United Church in Cullman. He serves as president of the N. Alabama Mountain Lakes Association and is active in other civic and community activities.

He is married to the former Hazel Brock and they now have four sons. Ricky, the oldest son, is married and he and his wife have a daughter.

Hubert is vice-president of the O. F. Richter Company, a paint store, and their contracting jobs extend out some 200 miles radius.

UNITED NATIONS SEMINAR MEETS

"Controversy and Crisis at the United Nations" is the theme for the seminar for adults being held at the United Nations Church Center May 22-24, 1967. A limited number of scholarships are available by writing to Miss Hazel T. Johns, 777 United Nations Plaza, Room 9-E, New York, N. Y. 10017.

A Brief Resume Of The SEC Recommendations

The Southeast Conference in session at Pilgrim Church, Birmingham, Ala., April 29 and 30, 1967, recommended the following:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

1. That we study the possibility of jointly owning or leasing camp property or conference-site with a sister denomination.

2. That all churches list their audio-visuals with the Commission so that other churches may have access to them.

3. That Leadership Workshops dealing with curriculum and other relevant needs be developed.

CHURCH EXTENSION

1. That each church include in its budget a dollar per member for new church development.

2. That teams of ministers and lay people be developed to assist churches in self-study and that churches with a declining membership be encouraged to engage in self-study.

INSTITUTIONS AND MINISTERS

1. That we become acquainted with and support the following institutions:

Uplands Retirement Center, Pleasant Hill, Tenn. 38578
Emmaus Home, Rt. 2, Marthasville, Mo. 63357
Emmaus Home, P. O. Box 220, St. Charles, Mo. 63302
Back Bay Mission, 424 Chartres St., Biloxi, Miss. 30530
Ryder Memorial Hospital, Box 517, Humacao, Puerto Rico 00661
Elon Home for Children, Box 157, Elon College, N. C. 27244
Nazareth Home for Children, Rt. 2, Box 48, Rockwell, N. C. 28138
Brooklawn Children's Home, 2125 Goldsmith Lane, Louisville, Ky. 40218

2. Become concerned for the following:

Divinity School, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.
Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Ga.

Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.
Talladega College, Talladega, Ala.
Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Miss.
Dorchester Center, Macintosh, Ga.

3. Work out scholarships for theological students.

4. Visit these institutions.

EVANGELISM

1. Each person is called upon to love all men, regardless of race, creed, or color.

2. Have an effective system of Bible reading, devotions, and prayer life.

3. Support the 1968-69 Emphasis of the United Church of Christ, "The Local Church in God's Mission."

4. Develop programs of visitation.

5. Establish a Manual on Evangelism.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

1. Hold three Christian Social Action Workshops at state or Association level in Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee. Wherever possible, hold under joint sponsorship with United Presbyterian, Episcopal and/or Disciples of Christ churches.

2. Elect standing committees on Christian Social Action in local churches.

3. Have a regular monthly column relative to Christian Social Action in Southeast News.

4. Cooperate more with existing church-related and other programs such as Anti-Poverty and Peace Priority.

CHURCH BUILDERS CLUB

1. The following serve as officers:
President — W. P. Ingram
Secretary — Rufus Obrecht
Secretary — Warren Blankenhorn

2. Send a check to the Huntsville Church for approximately \$1200 or more if funds are available.

3. Amend By-Laws and prepare for adoption at future meeting.

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

1. Each church examine its past history for 15 years and develop a POSITIVE PROGRESS.

2. Consider a wider view of evangelism than the customary "revival", and consider the great opportunities offered during Lent and Pentecost.

3. Encourage youth to participate in the ongoing life and program of the church, boards and committees.

4. Wider use be made of the Women's Fellowship and Churchmen's Fellowship (Lay Life and Work) in promoting the mission of the church.

5. Set up Christian Enlistment Workshops for those not participating last

year or for those who desire to repeat their participation.

6. Use "Moments of Concern" in services of worship.

7. Use Karlton C. Johnson, Regional Secretary of Stewardship, in Our Christian Enlistment programs.

8. The Board of Directors become acquainted with the entangled situation of our Associations and act.

9. All church clerks prepare reports for the Yearbook, with assistance from the pastor, and file them with the Conference office.

10. The Board of Directors take under advisement the unwieldy and expensive makeup of Conference Commissions and make recommendations to next session of Conference.

11. Monies collected for OGHS-SOS and Neighbors in Need be sent to the treasurer of the United Church in toto, with no part being kept by the Conference or equalized from other funds sent to Conference.

12. The Commission on OCWM submit to churches suggested goals for Basic Support, based upon their fair share of the Conference budget and of National Boards and Agencies.

CHURCH AND MINISTRY

1. Support the Annuity Fund, Health Insurance Program, and Group Life Insurance Program of United Church.

2. Examine the category of Lay Minister in "The Manual on the Ministry in the United Church of Christ" and follow the recommendations regarding the ministry.

3. Hold in memory the following:

Rev. Arthur C. Cutright
Rev. Peter Doherty
Rev. Oliver W. Holmes
Rev. Wm. M. Fulmer
Mrs. Samuel Penn
Mrs. Martha Davenport

LAY LIFE AND WORK

1. Take advantage of the following:

a. Alabama and Georgia Retreat at Southern Union College, Wadley, Ala., June 16, 17, 1967.

b. Tenn. - Kentucky Workshop, June 7, Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.

c. Laity Workshops in 10 areas of the Conference on Sunday afternoon, July 30, 1967.

2. Provide "Material Aid" for institutions listed under the Commission on Institutions and Ministries.

3. Every church participate in the Family Thank Offering.

Giving Of Southeast Conference Churches To Our Christian World Mission In 1966

Asterisk (*) shows total O. C. W. M.
Giving, both basic and designated

ALABAMA

Alexander City, Antioch	0
Alexander City, Hunt Memorial	0
Alpine King's Chapel	0
Andalusia, Antioch	102
Andalusia, First	51
Anniston, First	0
Arley, Robertson's Chapel	25
Ashland, Bethel	0
Athens, Trinity	0
Birmingham, First	819*
Birmingham, Pilgrim	1,336*
Birmingham, St. John's	438
Brantley, Indian Creek	0
Brantley, Liberty	0
Caddo, Congregational Christian	125
Clio, New Hope	100
Cullman, St. John's	710*
Dadeville, Elder	260*
E. Tallassee, Cong. Christian	450
Eclectic, Watson's Chapel	0
Five Points, State Line	0
Garden City, Cong. Christian	280
Hackleburg, Fairview	0
Haleyville, Union Grove	50
Hanceville, Mt. Grove	0
Headland, Blackwood	590*
Houston, Liberty Hill	10
Huntsville, United	2,812*
LaFayette, Pleasant Grove	0
Lanett, Cong. Christian	3,839*
Lanett, Huguley	0
Langdale, Cong. Christian	1,966
Lineville, New Harmony (inactive)	0
Marion, First	40
Midland City, Christian Hill (Inactive)	20
Montgomery, First	0
Montgomery, United	586
Moulton, Jones Chapel	20
Mt. Creek, Union	0
Phenix City, First	198*
Phenix City, Russell Woods	0
Pisgah, Cong. Christian	25
Roanoke, Antioch	54
Roanoke, Bethany	0
Roanoke, First	0
Roanoke, Forest Home	0
Roanoke, Lowell	500
Roanoke, Mt. Zion	0
Roanoke, New Hope	175
Roanoke, Rock Stand	100
Roanoke, Rock Spring	0
Roanoke, Sweet Home (Inactive)	0
Selma, First	15*
Seman, Community	0

Shawmut, Todd	0
Steele, Mt. Lebanon	40
Tallassee, Mt. Olive	100
Talladega, First	51*
Town Creek, Old Liberty	17
Wadley, Beulah	0
Wadley, Christian	566*
Wadley, Corinth	20
Wedowee, Caver's Grove	0
Wedowee, Noon Day	0
Wetumpka, Balm of Gilead	0

FLORIDA

Baker, Good Hope	0
Baker, Pyron's Chapel	0
Bonifay, New Effort	0

GEORGIA

Ambrose, Christian	10
Atlanta, Carroll Heights	0
Atlanta Center (Inactive)	500
Atlanta, Central	6,734*
Atlanta, First	3,515
Atlanta, Rush Memorial	351
Barnesville, Fredonia	423*
Baxley, Friendship	0
Beachton, Evergreen	0
Bowman, Liberty	20
Braseltin, Macedonia	46
Bristol, Antioch	0
Buford, Duncan's Creek	0

Columbus, First	300
Columbus, United	100
Crest, Hebron	0
Demorest, Federated	400*
Doerun, New Light	0
Doerun, Poplar Arbor	0
Douglas, First	0
Enigma, Christian	0
Gaillard, Pleasant Hill	0
Hampton, County Line	0
LaGrange, Hillside	0
LaGrange, United	1,160
Macon, First	0
Meansville, First	0
McIntosh, Midway	65
Pearson, Union Hill	208
Pine Mountain, Oak Grove	650
Richland, First	25
Richland, Providence Chapel	0
Savannah, First	325*
Thomasville, Bethany	0
Tifton, First (Inactive)	0
Tifton, Vanceville	0
Waycross, Williams Chapel	240
West Point, Bethel	0
Woodbury, Jones Chapel	0

KENTUCKY

Evarts, First	800
Stearns, Community	10*

MISSISSIPPI

Tougaloo, Union	200*
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SOUTH CAROLINA

Charleston, Circular	50
Charleston, Plymouth	200

TENNESSEE

Belvidere, First	2,514*
Chattanooga, First	0
Chattanooga, Pilgrim	5,429*
Crossville, First	1,098*
Daisy, Cong. Christian	0
Deer Lodge, Cong. Christian	192*
Glenmary, Cong. Christian	90*
Knoxville, First	159
Nashville, Brookmeade	284*
Nashville, First	2,886*
Nashville, Fisk Union	100
Nashville, Howard	185
Pleasant Hill, Community	965*
Robbins, Barton Chapel	139*
Soddy, First	0
Sweetwater, First	125
Other	158

TOTAL \$47,623

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The 175th Anniversary Of Midway Church

Historic Midway Church, located in Liberty County midway between Savannah and Darian, Georgia, is featured in the March issue of the Congregational Christian Historical Society Newsletter, as celebrating its 175th anniversary.

The background of the church may be traced to Puritan ancestors who, in a Congregational Church meeting in Plymouth, England, in 1630, decided to come to America. They took the long and hazardous voyage in the chartered ship "Mary and John" and, one hundred and forty in number, arrived in Massachusetts March 30, 1630. The settlement they established was named Dorchester, now the southern part of the City of Boston.

In the late 1690's settlers moved from Boston to a spot on the Ashley River, 18 miles from Charleston, organized a church and founded Dorchester, S. C. Toward the middle of the next century, some of the Congregationalists from Dorchester, S. C., migrated to Georgia and received the grant of a large tract of land south of Savannah. So began the Midway settlement. Two years later, 280 Congregationalists moved into the Midway district making it the southern stronghold of Congregationalism. In 1754 they built the first church on the present site. In 1772 the meeting house was burned by the British and

United Church Of South Montgomery

On March 23rd, Maundy Thursday, the First Congregational Church joined us in a Maundy Thursday service. It was followed by a period of fellowship. I feel that it was quite meaningful to all who participated.

The men of the United Church of South Montgomery entertained the men of the First Congregational Church and the Allied Officers from Ethiopia on April 25, 1967. Four men from the First Church, six Ethiopian Officers, and seven men from the United Church enjoyed charcoaled steaks. This was in response to a similar supper held earlier in the year by the men from the First Church. It is hoped that it will become a regular affair.

—John Martin, Pastor

in 1778 it was replaced by a new edifice. The history of the church shows that many famous people were members of this church, including four governors of Georgia: Button, Gwinnett, Richard Howley, Nathan Brownson, and Lyman Hall. Two of these were also signers of the Declaration of Independence, Gwinnett and Hall.

The cemetery is of interest, containing not less than 1,200 graves, with great names by the score.

At present there is no sign to identify the church with the Congregational fellowship, but we may justly claim that the Puritan spirit was largely responsible for the exciting history of the settlement. Located on U. S. 17, just below Savannah, a large historical marker stands by the road.

The Midway Church is not far from Dorchester Center, owned by the Southeast Conference, and where there is now located a new church served by one of our ministers, Rev. James Eaton. This church is also named Midway.

Senior Citizens Month

"Meeting the Challenge of the Later Years" is the theme for Senior Citizens Month — May, 1967, according to the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Administration on Aging, in cooperation with President's Council on Aging.

Plans Developing For General Synod Meeting

"Obedience to Christ — Personhood and Peace" will be the theme of the Sixth General Synod, to meet in Cincinnati from June 21 to June 29.

Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer, Secretary of the United Church, has announced a tentative program that begins Wednesday afternoon with registration and a meeting of the Executive Council, whose chairman is the Rev. John W. Flucke, pastor of St. John's Church, San Bruno, California. The call to order will come at 10:00 a. m. Thursday with the prayer given by Dr. Ben M. Herbster, UCC president. Synod will adjourn the following Thursday afternoon.

Among the issues which Synod will be asked to discuss are population growth, poverty, racial justice, leisure, budget, youth, the church's mission and Christian unity. According to Dr. Buschmeyer, a new procedure will "help delegates get a clear impression of the needs of the whole church and the instrumentalities' recommendations for meeting them."

First President Herbster will describe the areas of need and persons of special competence will give their observations on individual issues. Then all delegates will meet in report committees to discuss and offer their own suggestions for modifying or implementing the instrumentalities' proposals, Dr. Buschmeyer explained.

A service recognizing the denomination's 10th anniversary and other historical observances will be held with the Rev. Ferdinand Schlingensiepen and the Rev. Nathanael M. Guptill as speakers. Fraternal greetings are expected to be brought from many groups, including the Catholic Church's Archbishop Alter of Cincinnati.

Moderator of Synod will be Dr. Hollis F. Price, president of LeMoyne College in Memphis, Tenn. Assistant Moderators are Mrs. Martin Burger and the Rev. George G. Parker.

Southeast Conference delegates to General Synod are: Rev. Frederick A. Meyer, Mr. Hubert Richter, and Mrs. Edward M. Brown. Conference staff members will attend and perhaps others.



Thrift Shop Project At New Hope Church, Clio

Bennette Teal Watson admires a beautiful lamp at the New Hope Church Thrift Shop.

The New Hope Congregational Church of Clio, Alabama, has for a project a thrift shop.

Thus far, this project has proved most successful, having been in operation for a little over a year.

One of the members has converted part of a heavy equipment shelter into a suitable location.

All the items are donations. All the money goes to the New Hope Church, minus a percent to Christian World Missions. Thus, it serves a two-fold purpose — the money goes for a good cause and the clothes are available at a low price.

The goal at the present is to help pay for a building and complete it for a parsonage.

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Consecration Of Burial Ground For Anatomical Remains

The inter-faith consecration of a small burial ground for bodies used in the anatomical training of students at Vanderbilt and Meharry Medical Schools took place in a short ceremony on Monday, April 17th.

Dr. Jack Davies, chairman and professor of Anatomy at Vanderbilt, began and headed the project to procure a plot of ground for such a purpose when he joined the faculty of the medical school three years ago. He feels that the respectful burial of human remains used in medical training is proper and dignified. As far as Dr. Davies knows, Vanderbilt and Meharry are the only schools making such burial facilities.

Attending the short ceremony were clergy representatives of the various faiths — Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist, and Jewish. Each clergyman participated in a part of the service using his particular religious ceremony. The procedure for actual burial has not been worked out yet, but it seems clear that presiding at the ceremony will be a minister of the person's faith. A plaque will be set up with the names of those buried.

Walter Graham Serves United Men And Junior College Association

Walter A. Graham, president of Southern Union State Junior College, was recently elected vice-president of the United Church Men of the National Council of Churches.

Mr. Graham is also the newly elected president of the Southern Association of Junior Colleges. This organization includes private, state-owned, and church-related or independent junior colleges.



Williams Chapel Church, Waycross, Georgia

The Quarterly Conference on April 3rd gave us some good reports which we wish to share with the Conference.

Our pastor, Elgie Lairsey, reported 15 new members for the first quarter of 1967 and 2 in April, 9 by letter and 8 by confession of faith. Our Sunday School superintendent reported an average attendance of 75 in the first quarter of 1967.

In 1963, Williams Chapel purchased two lots of land joining our present property to the rear of the church. The balance due this month was \$118.20. We voted to pay this debt in full.

The Women's Fellowship has completed three projects for their missionary work:

1. Annual subscription of 12 copies each month of The Upper Room to service men in Vietnam.

2. Sent 2 large boxes of used clothing to the Thrift Shop at Piedmont College, Demorest, Ga.

3. Packed 2 boxes of quilt scraps for a missionary station in Mulberry Gap, Tenn.

The annual homecoming is planned for May 7th, and all are invited.

Mrs. Charlie H. Griffin Sr.
Clerk

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Lay Workshops To Be Held July 30

By vote of the annual meeting of the Southeast Conference, the Commission for Lay Life and Work is making plans for several regional workshops to be held simultaneously throughout the Conference on Sunday afternoon, July 30. Exact locations and leadership will be announced as soon as arrangements have been completed. Meanwhile, both lay people and pastors are asked to save the afternoon of July 30 for a Lay Workshop in your area.

Assembly Of Church Women To Be At Perdue University

The Ecumenical Assembly of United Church Women at Purdue University July 13-16, 1967, should claim the attention of many of our church women.

Total cost, including room, board, insurance and material, will be approximately \$45.00. Deadline for registration is May 26th.

Topics to be presented and discussed are: "The Development of Faith in the Contemporary Scene," "Living in a Pluralistic Society," "Problems and Potentials of Urbanization," "Woman in Modern Society," "Potentials and Hazards of the Coming Leisure Age," "Human Values Under Contemporary Pressures," "Recognizing and Releas-

Report Of Nominating Committee To The Annual Meeting

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Moderator — Mr. Hubert Richter

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ing Gifts," and "Helps and Hindrances to a Peaceful World."

Mrs. Karlton Johnson and Mrs. Edward M. Brown plan to go from Atlanta. Further information can be had from:

United Church Women
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What Is This Gospel We Would Communicate?

(Given by Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer at
Birmingham Annual Conference,
April 29)

With the coming of Jesus Christ, God sent His Son — the perfect one to be our example. With him came renewal of life. We are the people of God. All through the ages mankind has encountered difficulty keeping God's purpose relevant to the needs of men.

The revised version of the Bible has this message in invisible ink: "The difficulties man has encountered in keeping his personal and organized religion relevant to the purposes of God and the needs of His people."

What is the Gospel of God through Jesus Christ? In the cosmic content the good news is:

1. John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

2. II Corinth. 5:17. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has passed away, behold the new has come." We need to see the world and its relation to God. How many of us read the Word of God before we read the newspaper each day? We must see man in direct personal relationship with the God who created him, not through man's failures.

We need to learn to see again in our day the relationship between Jesus Christ and God on the one hand, and between Jesus Christ and ourselves on the other hand. God's people had lost their sense of a vital personal connection. Jesus came to renew that connection.

At a studio a program was just ready to go when someone stumbled and broke the power line. Someone picked up both ends and restored the connection. Power went through him and the message went out. This must happen if we are to communicate the Gospel to the world today.

We have a gospel of redemption for the whole world, not "God save me and mine." With divine conviction and joy we must let the whole world know that God's power is made available to all through Jesus Christ. He owns the whole wide world.

May He empower you, bless you, and guide you beyond anything you have ever dreamed through his power. Let us communicate the Good News to all the world.



Miss Dora C. Brackin
Is Reelected Recording
Secretary For The SEC

Miss Dora Brackin needs no introduction to the people and churches of the Southeast Conference. Long a hard and faithful worker in her Association and in her Conference, Miss Brackin is known and loved throughout the area. Miss Brackin is a former president of the old Southeast Convention Women's Fellowship; secretary-treasurer of her Association (South Ala.-N. W. Fla.), and always an active worker in the Lay Life and Work of her Association and her Conference. She has attended many national meetings of our denomination.

Miss Brackin was elected recording secretary of the Southeast Conference in April, 1966, and reelected in April, 1967.

Miss Brackin is employed by the County Extension Service of Dale County, Alabama, with offices in Ozark, Alabama. Her home is in Headland. She is a member of the Blackwood Church.



Harold H. Thomas Elected
Treasurer Of SEC

Mr. Harold H. Thomas was elected treasurer of the Southeast Conference.

Born in Fulton County, Atlanta, Ga., Harold received his education in the public schools of Atlanta, did work at Atlanta University and Lincoln University, Chester County, Pa. He has held membership in First Congregational Church, Atlanta, for over fifty years, and serves actively.

He has also served as Scribe and Vice-Moderator of the Georgia-South Carolina Acting Association. In 1950 he was elected as delegate to the General Council of the denomination in Cleveland, Ohio, and served in 1956 and 1958 as delegate to the General Council meetings in Omaha, Neb., and Boston, Mass. In 1950 he was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Laymen's Fellowship, serving for 10 years. He serves as vice-president of Third District of National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees.

In January of 1960, Mr. Thomas retired as Supervisor of Railway Mail Service and was presented a citation of "Honorary Recognition" for devotion to duty.

Valley District PF Rally

The Valley District Pilgrim Fellowship held its annual spring rally on April 2, 1967, at Elder Church in Dadeville, Alabama.

The theme for this one-day rally was "Worship." The day began at 9:30 with registration and was followed at 10:00 by the welcome of the host church. A response was given by the District president, Becky Maddox. A short devotional was presented by the Langdale Church, and singing by the entire group followed. At 10:30 there was a fifteen minute business session with a brief recess before the guest speaker, Rev. Warren Blankenhorn, spoke to the group on "Worship." Lunch was served and the rally reconvened at 1:00 for the program on "How Different Denominations Worship."

The following churches presented interesting talks on the theme: Elder — Catholic; Lanett — Jewish; Todd — Episcopal; Langdale — Lutheran; Bethel — Quakers; Oak Grove — Eastern Orthodox.

A delightful afternoon of fun-filled recreation was spent at Horseshoe Bend, and the rally was concluded immediately following vespers by the Oak Grove Church.

— Sandra Backstrom

Ala. - N. W. Florida

Women To Have Retreat

The Women's Fellowships of Alabama - N. W. Florida and Georgia-South Carolina will hold a Summer Retreat at Southern Union State Junior College, Wadley, Alabama, June 16-17, 1967, beginning at 9:30 a. m. Friday (CST) and ending at 12:30 p. m. Saturday. The Retreat will include men and women of the United Church of Christ of the former Southeast Convention, the Convention of the South, and the Evangelical and Reformed Churches.

The theme, "Living Our Faith in Today's World," will be carried out in program and materials. Speakers include: Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Lester, Miss Elizabeth Lester, Mrs. Thomas M. Bender, Mrs. Laura McCray Rev. Wm. J. Andes, and Rev. Emilie F. Pitcock.

The cost of \$10.00 includes room, board, and bedding. Registration blanks will be mailed out soon.

Rev. J. T. Stanley Is Injured In Accident

Rev. J. T. Stanley, former superintendent of the Convention of the South, was in an automobile accident March 18, near Savannah, Ga. He has been in Memorial Hospital ever since this time, with a cast on one arm and one leg. He had other injuries also.

Mrs. Stanley has been with him in the hospital ministering to his needs, although she was not in the car with him at the time of the accident.

Since retiring, Mr. Stanley has been serving as manager of the Dorchester Center at Macintosh, Ga., commuting from his home at Greensboro whenever necessary.

Mr. Stanley wishes to thank his many friends for cards and other greetings, as well as for their prayers. He will need to spend long days recuperating, both at the hospital and at his home, 1712 McConnell Road, Greensboro, North Carolina.

News From Blackwood Church, Headland

A good number of people showed up for the sunrise services on Easter Sunday morning at 5:45 at Blackwood Congregational Christian Church, Rt. 1, Headland, Alabama. The Youth Fellowship presented the service in the churchyard in front of a cross they had erected. The program was entitled "The Meaning of Easter." All members participated in the presentation of this program, which was very inspirational. A number of people from surrounding churches also attended.

Five young people from New Hope Congregational Christian Church, Clio, Alabama, visited the Youth Fellowship at Blackwood Church, Headland, on Sunday night, February 19, in an attempt to get ideas for programs, etc., in organizing a Youth Fellowship group at their church. On March 19, some members of the Blackwood Youth Fellowship, along with Rev. Emilie Pitcock, met with the Clio youth to organize a Youth Fellowship.

The Blackwood youth presented a program Sunday night, March 5, on "One Great Hour of Sharing." A film on Vietnam was shown and an offering was taken.

From First Church, Nashville, Tenn.

The monthly record of the pastor, Rev. John J. Roemer, reveals these statistics for two months:

PASTORAL CALLS:

Homes	19
Hospital	17
Sick (not hospital)	11
Shut-ins	9
Miscellaneous	32
Prospects	2
Meetings	27
Confirmation Class	5
(2½ hour sessions)	

Michael Pauly, working toward the God and Country Award in Scouting, has fulfilled one part of this project by lighting candles for 6 months. This award requires several service projects for the church. Michael is now assisting in ushering as he works toward completing another phase of this award.

Jimmy Campbell has now enrolled and is also working toward a God and Country award.

From Langdale Church Newsletter

The pastor, Rev. Allen B. Hollis Jr., attempted to visit every home in the parish during the first quarter of the year. Calls made numbered 369. Membership is now 262, with the gain of 6 members during the quarter and 2 lost by death.

Services held at the church during the quarter were 30, and the pastor also attended 3 meetings of the Men's Club and one Women's Fellowship.

Twenty-two sermons were prepared and delivered during the quarter, and Mr. Hollis also held a revival in the Lowell Church, Roanoke, preaching 5 sermons. There were 16 meetings of boards and committees of the church, along with attendance at several Conference and Association meetings, by the pastor, who also participated in a number of civic groups.

NEWS NOTE

Rev. Harold A. Schulz, Cullman, Alabama, has two poems, "God Bless This Church" and "To Thee This Home." These are available in printed form similar to that displayed at the Birmingham Conference for fifty cents each or seventy-five cents for both, postage paid.

Churches Which Submitted

Yearbook Reports, 1966

ALABAMA

Alpine, King's Chapel
Andalusia, First
Anniston, First
Athens, Trinity
Birmingham, First
Birmingham, Pilgrim
Brantley, Liberty
Caddo, Cong'l. Christian
Clio, New Hope
Cullman, St. John's
Dadeville, Elder
Garden City, Cong'l. Christian
Headland, Blackwood
Huntsville, United
Lanett, Cong'l. Christian
Langdale, Cong'l. Christian
Marion, First
Montgomery, United
Pisgah, Cong'l. Christian
Roanoke, Antioch
Roanoke, New Hope
Roanoke, Rock Stand
Seman, Community
Shawmut, Todd
Talladega, First
Town Creek, Old Liberty
Wadley, Christian
Wadley, Corinth
Wedowee, Noon Day

FLORIDA

Baker, Good Hope
Baker, Pyron's Chapel
Bonifay, New Effort

GEORGIA

Ambrose, Christian
Atlanta, Center
Atlanta, Central
Atlanta, First
Atlanta, Rush Memorial
Barnesville, Fredonia
Beachton, Evergreen
Bowman, Liberty
Buford, Duncan's Creek
Columbus, First
Columbus, United
Demorest, Federated
Gaillard, Pleasant Hill
LaGrange, Hillside
LaGrange, United
McIntosh, Midway
Pearson, Union Hill
Richland, First
Savannah, First
Thomasville, Bethany
Waycross, Williams' Chapel
West Point, Bethel
Woodbury, Jones Chapel

Tennessee Council

Sponsors TV Programs

Some very interesting programs are being sponsored by the Tennessee Council of Churches, as follows:

TELEVISION'S SERIES OF EXCELLENCE

Sundays — Teaching the New Testament, illustrated lecture, Dr. E. W. Bauman. 7 A. M. WSIX TV Ch. 8
Breakthru, pre-teens in ethical decision making. Drama-plus-panel. 11 A. M. WLAC TV CH. 5
Mondays — Living in the Sixties, aids for the elderly. Keys to Retirement, on Monday, May 22, special. 8 P. M. WDCN TV CH. 2
N. E. T. Journal. 5/8 Church-State Education; 5/15 Nova School; 5/22 Berkley's former Chancellor; 5/29 Eton. 9 P. M. WDCN TV, WKNO TV
Tuesdays — Metropolis-Creator or Destroyer — Urban Life, 9:30 P. M. WDCN
Frankly Speaking—5/9 Suicide; 5/16 Religion & Health; 5/23 Family Mental Health; 5/30 Community Health. 9 P. M. WDCN TV
Thursdays — Conversations with Arnold Toynbee. 9 P. M. WDCN & WKNO TV
Summer Focus — Documentaries on the draft, drug addiction, grettos, etc. 9 P. M. ABC TV

ONCE ONLY'S

Monday, May 8 — The Pursuit of Pleasure. Examination of America's new "fun morality". 10/9 PM NBC TV
Tuesday, May 23 — National Drivers Test. Prepare for Memorial Day driving. 10/9 PM CBS TV

MISSISSIPPI

Tougaloo, Union

TENNESSEE

Belvidere, First
Chattanooga, Pilgrim
Crossville, First
Daisy, First
Deer Lodge, Cong'l. Christian.
Glenmary, Cong'l. Christian
Knoxville, First
Nashville, First
Nashville, Howard
Pleasant Hill, Community
Robbins, Barton Chapel
Soddy, First
Sweetwater, First

Getting In On The Act

Rev. and Mrs. William R. Winterbottom are really getting in on the act. From time to time, they appear in the various plays being produced by the Cumberland County Community Theater at Crossville, Tenn. Currently, Mrs. Winterbottom is starring as Veta Louise Simmons in the Broadway hit "Harvey" and her husband is the cabbie who could have picked you up at Penn. Station on your last trip to New York.

R. N. Pelot is a member of the Crossville Church and acts as the judge in the play. He is also president of the Playhouse Association.

Various members of the Crossville Church act in the plays and work behind the scenes.

Active in community activities, Mr. Winterbottom assisted in United Fund and served as a sponsor of the Cumberland County High School Forensic Club, which won high honors in national competition. Rev. Robert Helm of our Pleasant Hill Church also works with this group.

The churches of Cumberland County in Tennessee are sponsoring a county-wide Crusade July 9-23, 1967 at Cumberland County High School gymnasium. Speaker will be F. M. Dowell of Nashville. Music director will be Eddy Nicholson of Lubbock, Texas.

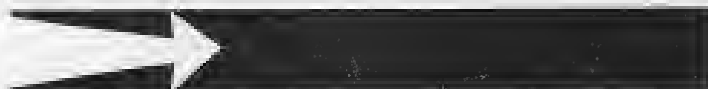
Council For Health And Welfare Serves Large Group

Efforts of the Council for Health and Welfare, based on 1966 statistics, indicate that this arm of the ministry of the United Church of Christ, rather than being the smallest, is indeed one of the largest, if not the largest, single church-related program in the United Church.

The 604,075 individuals for whom care was provided during 1966 exceeds the church membership in any region of the United Church. OCWM giving for 1966 totaled \$17,703,147 when both National and Conference are combined. This represents 28.1% of the \$63,079,233 spent by the agencies for operating purposes, and when the \$18,066,805 used in capital expenditures is added, the relative percentage to total OCWM giving slips to 21.8%.

National Basic Support Income/1967

Breakthrough
\$1,000,000 increase



March 31, 1967
\$1,196,804.00

1966 income/\$10,805,162.00

Breakthrough/\$1,000,000.00 increase over 1966 income.

Note: A year ago on March 31, 1966 National Basic Support Income was \$1,058,885.00. Consequently the income this year at the end of March is an increase of \$137,919.00.

Quarterly Report On National Basic Support

A similar chart to the one you see above will appear quarterly in our paper. It will indicate national progress toward Breakthrough.

Breakthrough has been described as "the signal for the United Church of Christ to go 'all out' into the actual world for God and man. It is also the cost Christ's people must pay to go."

In terms of dollars, the Breakthrough program calls for a \$1,000,000 increase in giving by the churches in 1967 over 1966, and a further increase in 1968 over 1967, for the budgeted work of the Executive Council and the

national instrumentalities.

For the Southeast Conference, we have pledged to increase our total giving to Our Christian World Mission from \$47,623.92 to \$53,750.00, and thereby increase our giving to national instrumentalities and their work around the world by \$1,400.

The giving of your church to Basic Support for Our Christian World Mission will serve your Conference and count toward attaining nationally hoped for Breakthrough by the end of this year.

END "MICKEY MOUSE"

JOBS FOR WOMEN

The Rev. Mrs. Joan Bates Forsberg of the New Haven (Conn.) Wider City Parish calls for a drastic departure from traditional women's tasks in the church. Speaking at an interreligious conference at Albertus Magnus College, she said church women should stop "fooling around with the petty Mickey Mouse jobs given them in the past." Instead of sewing for the bazaar and cooking for the bake sale, she recommended tutoring children in the inner city, taking them to museums, befriending an unwed teenaged mother, studying legislation on education and drug addiction, learning about the faith . . . "increase our own human-

Baker Church

Sunday, April 9, was Youth Day at Good Hope Congregational Christian Church, Baker, Florida. Saturday night preceding this a Youth Banquet was given, with 30 people present. Games, songs, and a meal were enjoyed. The women of the church prepared a very delicious meal as a service to the group.

On Sunday morning the youth conducted all the services, acting as teachers, Sunday School superintendent, church clerk, and ushers. A visiting young boy who is a senior in high school brought the 11 o'clock message. He expects to enter the ministry.

ness . . . be involved where God is already involved."

Summer Reading And Study

Now is the time when thoughts turn to summer and plans are made for vacation trips and activities. In May and June many ministers and church people send to The Congregational Library lists of books which they wish to borrow under the special summer reading program. Any number of books may be kept all summer. Newer books in current demand are sent for the usual three weeks.

It is not too early to outline a profitable reading program for the more leisurely weeks ahead. You might want to plan sermons and other church work for the coming year, read biography for inspiration, delve into controversy of the "new theology" or the "new morality", study in preparation for writing a book or article to be published.

Send requests to The Congregational Library, 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. 02108. Give authors, titles, and book numbers if known. Books on a subject may be requested if specific titles are not available. Be sure to give your name, address, and zip code number. Return mailing labels furnished. Library rates may be used: four cents for first pound, one cent each additional pound. All books due back at the Library on September 11th.

Chattanooga, Pilgrim News

One of the chief items acted upon at the annual meeting was the decision to ask Mr. Warren Barr and his wife, Margaret, to assist in special activities on weekends from mid-July through the school year.

Mr. Barr is in his second year at Vanderbilt Divinity School. Mrs. Barr is teaching school. This will provide Pilgrim with additional leadership and Mr. Barr with an opportunity for field service and experience.

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